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## Introduction

- The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) appreciates the opportunity to meet with Minister Ron Schuler and representatives of Manitoba Infrastructure.
- The AMM encourages the Province of Manitoba to consider municipal concerns as well as the effects of funding decisions on local communities throughout the budget process.
- The *Speech from the Throne* (November 2019) highlighted the provincial government's commitment to work closely with municipal partners to provide efficient, cost-effective local government, in response to the AMM calling for a 'Partners in Growth' Memorandum of Understanding during the provincial election campaign. The AMM looks forward to working with the Province of Manitoba to strengthen provincial-municipal growth and partnership opportunities through a balanced discussion of both revenues and expenditures.
- This document outlines the AMM's position and recommendations on a number of important municipal issues relevant to the Infrastructure portfolio.

## Priority Issues

### 1) Infrastructure Priorities & Partnerships

The AMM recommends the government:

- ❖ ***Ensure meaningful consultation occurs with the AMM and municipalities through the MI-AMM Service Delivery Review working group; and***
  - ❖ ***Assist municipalities to offset compliance costs resulting from federal Grade Crossing Regulations.***
- According to the latest Canadian Infrastructure Report Card, one-third of core municipal infrastructure is in fair, poor, or very poor condition, which is concerning, given that municipalities manage 60 per cent of Manitoba's infrastructure despite collecting less than 10 cents of every tax dollar to complete the job.
  - We encourage the Province to continue investing no less than \$1 billion annually in strategic infrastructure as it is imperative that road infrastructure investments enable local growth while budgeted infrastructure dollars are fully maximized to benefit all municipalities.
  - The AMM appreciates the creation of the MI Service Delivery Review Working Group to explore possible opportunities to reduce red tape and find efficiencies that benefit the Province and municipalities.
  - It is essential that challenges relating to weed control as well as provincial-municipal snow clearing and gravel road agreements be discussed by the AMM-MI Service Delivery Working Group.
  - Moreover, any possible changes to the roles and responsibilities between the Province and municipalities should be discussed within the existing framework of the Working Group to ensure no downloading of provincial responsibilities to municipalities.
  - Additionally, in September 2017, the AMM made a formal submission to the federal government's review of the *Railway Safety Act* since more than 60 per cent of Manitoba's 2,100 rail crossings are located within municipal boundaries.

- The AMM appreciates the joint letter sent to the Minister of Transport Canada on behalf of the Departments of Infrastructure and Municipal Relations requesting federal funding support for Manitoba municipalities.
- Due to the financial implications of the federal Grade Crossing Regulations, the AMM urges both the provincial and federal governments to provide financial assistance to support municipal safety improvements.
- Lastly, rural, remote and northern airports provide important services that are vital to many communities given their link to fostering economic development, supporting trade and growing local network capacity.
- However, operating grants have remained stagnant at \$2,400 and \$1,200, respectively, for more than a decade. Without increased provincial assistance to repair and rebuild runways, many of these airports will be forced to reduce their services or close.
- In comparison, the Province of Saskatchewan’s Community Airport Partnership (CAP) Program provides capital contributions to rehabilitate and upgrade the network of strategic regional community airports.
- The AMM encourages the Province to provide additional resources to support capital and operating costs for these facilities.

## 2) Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) and Flood Mitigation

The AMM recommends the government:

- ❖ ***Continue to implement the provincial review recommendations of the DFA program in partnership with the AMM; and***
- ❖ ***Support municipalities by urging the federal government to reverse changes to the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) cost-sharing formula.***

- The AMM welcomes the recently announced \$3-million Flood Preparedness Program aimed at enhancing municipal capacity and building resiliency for future floods.
- Increased investment in flood protection and mitigation infrastructure is a preventative measure presenting fiscal value, as every dollar invested in adaptation and climate-resilient infrastructure will range from \$9 to \$38 in avoided damages in the future.
- The AMM appreciates the meaningful consultation with Manitoba Infrastructure to comprehensively review the provincial DFA program to streamline processes and minimize financial risk to municipalities while maximizing cost-sharing mechanisms.
- The AMM also appreciates the establishment of a DFA program for municipalities affected by the October 2019 severe weather event. However, the AMM urges the Province to expedite the approval of municipal DFA applications and continue implementing the provincial recommendations regarding the DFA review.
- Additionally, in 2015, the previous federal government enacted changes to the DFAA program's cost-sharing formula, which significantly increased federal funding thresholds for small and medium disasters or extreme weather events.
- As many Manitoba communities are situated in flood prone areas, the changes to the cost-sharing formula could significantly and negatively affect municipalities.
- The AMM believes these changes must be reversed immediately – we call on the Province and all provincial parties to urge their federal counterparts to restore the previous disaster assistance cost-sharing formula.

### 3) Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS) Upgrade

The AMM recommends the government:

- ❖ ***Continue to work with municipalities to develop solutions that ensure the safety of first emergency responders and general public; and***
  - ❖ ***Continue to provide regular updates to the AMM throughout the PSCS transition process.***
- Reliable communications technology is vital for saving lives, keeping first responders safe, and protecting local communities.
  - The AMM commends the provincial government for the announcement made at the 2019 AMM annual Convention, outlining the commitment to fully fund the PSCS annual operating costs on behalf of municipalities.
  - As municipalities will not be charged monthly subscriber fees once the PSCS becomes fully operational, these investments will result in considerable savings and reduced administrative burdens for municipalities across Manitoba. Additionally, this commitment grants municipalities greater autonomy to make decisions regarding more efficient use of taxpayer dollars for the benefit of all.
  - The AMM encourages the department to continue to consult and provide regular updates to our organization throughout the PSCS transition process.
  - We look forward to working closely with Manitoba Infrastructure to continue developing solutions that ensure the safety of emergency responders and the public.

#### 4) Enforcement of Weight Restrictions

The AMM recommends the government:

❖ ***Grant municipalities the option to enforce certain sections of the Highway Traffic Act to protect municipal infrastructure.***

- As municipal roads connect local communities and support economic growth, the AMM understands the importance of the need to properly maintain and protect municipal infrastructure.
- Weight restrictions are in place on provincial highways at various times of the year to prevent damages to the surface or roadbed. However, weight restrictions imposed by the Province often causes traffic to be redirected onto municipal roads.
- In some cases, heavy trucks rerouted onto municipal roads have caused substantial damages, resulting in costly infrastructure repair costs which adds to the overall municipal infrastructure deficit.
- In 2012, By-law Enforcement Officer Special Constable appointments were revoked by Manitoba Justice due to the provincial review of the *Police Services Act*.
- Without the ability to enforce weight restriction by-laws on municipal roads, municipalities have expressed concerns that the lack of provincial attention to roads will result in downloading infrastructure costs to the municipal level.
- The AMM urges the Province of Manitoba to work collaboratively with municipalities to allow local Councils the ability to enforce sections of the *Highway Traffic Act* to protect municipal roads from heavy trucks if they so choose.



## Appendix – AMM Active Resolutions

### **AMM Resolution #07-2019**

#### **Topic: No Unilateral Downloading**

Sponsor(s): RM of Springfield (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Municipal Relations; Manitoba Central Services

WHEREAS in 2018 AMM passed Resolution #25-2018 which resolved that Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) remove a clause from The Highways Act that permitted the unilateral offloading of provincial roads and highways to rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS the response to a similar resolution in 2018 resulted in an answer that suggested the present Act clause allowing unilateral downloading/closure was appropriate; and

WHEREAS in many cases the ongoing operation/repair by a RM of such a PR or PTH would not be possible without severe financial hardship for RM residents, or even bankrupting the affected municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba so that any/all downloading of responsibilities to municipal governments be accompanied by commensurate funding from present provincial revenue streams, that this funding never decrease, and that incremental contributions to this funding as directed by established asset management practices be tied to the annual Manitoba Construction Cost increase.

### **AMM Resolution #33-2019**

#### **Topic: Priority Infrastructure Upgrades**

Sponsor(s): Town of Carberry (Western District), Municipality of North Cypress-Langford (Western District), RM of Whitehead (Western District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living

WHEREAS there have been a streamlining of ER and hospital services that have resulted in communities sharing on-call services between them; and

WHEREAS this may result in a delay of ambulance services being offered to local residents on a timely basis due to the distance between communities that share these services; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure between these communities may pose an undue risk of further injury or delay to First Responders and patients during transport if not kept up to date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba so that communities that share Emergency Room services be placed in a priority position to receive infrastructure upgrades to the main roadways between them to further enhance the safety and effectiveness of First Responders so they can safely and effectively do their jobs en route to the appropriate facility.

**AMM Resolution #42-2019**

**Topic: Weed Control**

Sponsor(s): Municipality of Grassland (Western District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure and its predecessor departments have had a long and successful relationship with Manitoba's weed supervisors, weed districts and municipalities for weed control programs on the rights-of-way of the Province's highways and provincial roads; and

WHEREAS that relationship was ended in 2019 when MI decided to tender out the process with the only criterion being cost; and

WHEREAS the bidder who was successful in most of the highway districts was a contractor who had neither the equipment, the staff nor the intention of doing the job; and

WHEREAS the execution of the 2019 weed control program on provincial rights-of-way devolved into an unmitigated disaster, with ditches sprayed months too late, ditches not sprayed full width and ditches not sprayed at all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM strongly lobby the Province of Manitoba to either return to the previous successful arrangements or to initiate a new arrangement that satisfies the requirements of The Noxious Weeds Act of Manitoba.

**AMM Resolution #24-2018**

**Topic: Downloading of Provincial Roads and PTHs**

Sponsor(s): RM of Springfield (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to remove the unilateral ability of Manitoba to download responsibility for Provincial Roads and Provincial Trunk Highways from The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act.

**AMM Resolution #25-2018**

**Topic: Amend The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act**

Sponsor(s): City of Selkirk (Interlake District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS the provincial government seeks to enact Bill 14: The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act; and

WHEREAS this Bill maintains the power of the Province of Manitoba to download ownership and ongoing maintenance and renewal responsibilities of previously designated provincial highways on to municipalities; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's municipal infrastructure deficit currently exceeds \$11 billion or \$10,000 per Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities are already responsible for 60% of all public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS such downloading does not reflect giving municipalities a fair share or a fair say;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Bill 14: The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act to include provisions that require such transfer of ownership and ongoing responsibility of provincial highways through negotiations and actual agreement from the municipality.

**AMM Resolution #26-2018**

**Topic: Driver Feedback Signs**

Sponsor(s): RM of Yellowhead (Midwestern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure does not allow the placement of driver feedback signs on their highways; and

WHEREAS Council believes the signs are effective in controlling driver speed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow the placement of driver feedback signs along provincial highways within municipal boundaries.

**AMM Resolution #28-2018**

**Topic: Noxious Weeds**

Sponsor(s): RM of St. Clements (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development

WHEREAS the spread of noxious weeds is an area of shared concern between municipalities and the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS current AMM policy includes working with the Province of Manitoba to ensure noxious weeds are controlled in provincial drains and highway ditches as well as around waterways; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is responsible for the revegetation of crown land that is disturbed as a result of infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS current Province of Manitoba revegetation practices and compliance criteria are inconsistent with those known to produce desirable, enduring and competitive cover, often resulting in the establishment and spread of noxious weeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to revise its standard practices for revegetation on any infrastructure project to adopt site appropriate practices of native plant revegetation which are known to provide improved performance standards and better protection for adjacent lands from weed encroachment.

**AMM Resolution #35-2017**

**Topic: Strategy to Increase Physical and Electronic Connectivity**

Sponsor(s): City of Thompson (Northern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Economic Development and Training

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is currently reviewing and establishing strategies to increase economic opportunities throughout the province; and

WHEREAS the AMM has passed resolutions in recent years regarding the need to increase electronic connectivity in all areas of the province; and

WHEREAS the provision of all-weather road access in all areas of the province is a basic need and the Province of Manitoba needs to live up to its socio-economic responsibility for all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the provision of physical and electronic access are paramount to creating and enhancing economic development opportunities in the province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba needs to develop a long-term strategy that will address these issues so that all Manitobans have the opportunity to grow the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop a long-term strategy that increases physical and electronic connectivity to enable economic development opportunities in all areas of the province.

**AMM Resolution #46-2017 \*Standing Policy**

**Topic: Water Rights Act Compliance**

Sponsor(s): RM of Alexander (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Conservation and Climate

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure has constructed part of a drain upstream of the outlet and had no plans to upgrade the downstream end; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure did not consult or gain approval from Manitoba Sustainable Development, the affected municipality, or affected land owners before commencing; and

WHEREAS this is contrary to the *Water Rights Act* in our opinion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to set policy that when any provincial government department performs drainage works they must consult and gain approval from Manitoba Sustainable Development, affected municipalities, and property owners prior to commencement of the works to ensure compliance with the *Water Rights Act*.

**AMM Resolution #48-2017 \*Standing Policy**

**Topic: Municipal Drainage**

Sponsor(s): RM of St. Andrews (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Conservation and Climate

WHEREAS there exists many provincial drains that were designed and constructed to convey agricultural and residential drainage to receiving waterways in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the funding for operation and maintenance of these drains has been declining for an extended length of time; and

WHEREAS this has resulted in significant local and regional drainage problems affecting residents, municipalities, and financial systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby to the Province of Manitoba to adequately resource the operation and maintenance of these drains and those programs that effectively integrate with all municipalities.

**AMM Resolution #49-2017 \*Standing Policy**

**Topic: Support for Increased Water Flows**

Sponsor(s): RM of Reynolds (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure has been replacing culverts in provincial roads with larger culverts to withstand a 1 in 100-year flood; and

WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is not designed to withstand increased water volumes; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure is not required to obtain a drainage license or to consult with the local drainage authority when increasing water flow through their roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to require Manitoba Infrastructure to prepare drainage plans and to consult with municipalities prior to increasing water flows; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoba Infrastructure be required to contribute financially and with in-house expertise toward upgrades required in municipal drains and roads due to increased water flows.

**AMM Resolution #32-2016**

**Topic: Consultation on Waterway Projects**

Sponsor(s): RM of Yellowhead (Midwestern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Conservation and Climate

WHEREAS municipalities must obtain a license from Manitoba Sustainable Development for culvert replacement, runway cleaning or drainage projects; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure is not required to go through this process for waterway projects on provincial highways and provincial trunk roads; and

WHEREAS on occasion Manitoba Infrastructure projects have resulted in damage to downstream municipal infrastructure as a result of increased water flows;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to make it mandatory for Manitoba Infrastructure to consult with Manitoba Sustainable Development when working on waterway projects.

**AMM Resolution #35-2016**

**Topic: Federal DFAA Program Changes**

Sponsor(s): RM of St. Laurent (Interlake District), RM of Woodlands (Interlake District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Public Safety Canada

WHEREAS in January 2015 the federal government changed the funding structure of the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA), which will result in a reduction of the amount of federal money available to those affected by disasters; and

WHEREAS these changes came into effect on February 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has consistently been the second largest user of the DFAA program due to natural disasters and flooding events in its region; and

WHEREAS the said changes to the DFAA program will cause major and significant financial implications and downloading to the Province of Manitoba and ultimately Manitoba municipalities; and

WHEREAS a new federal government was elected in October 2015 since the changes were implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and the new federal government to repeal the DFAA program changes made by the previous federal government.

**AMM Resolution #46-2016 \*Standing Policy**

**Topic: Noxious Weeds**

Sponsor(s): Mossey River Municipality (Parkland District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development; Transport Canada

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for appointing a weed inspector for the control of noxious weeds within the municipality; and

WHEREAS provincial ditches contain noxious weeds but little is done for the control of these weeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to ensure that noxious weeds are controlled in provincial drains and highway ditches as well as around railways.

**AMM Resolution #31-2015**

**Topic: Emergency Response Communication Equipment**

Sponsor(s): Municipality of Emerson-Franklin (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Infrastructure Canada

WHEREAS provincial, federal and municipal governments play a prominent role in emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the primary responsibility to deal with emergencies lies with local authorities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities utilize the MTS FleetNet network as the emergency communication system;

AND WHEREAS MTS is planning to upgrade its FleetNet system to digital in the near future;

AND WHEREAS there will be a significant cost to municipalities for the upgrade of digital FleetNet equipment (\$3,000 per radio);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the federal government and Province of Manitoba to provide funding opportunities similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program to assist with the purchase of emergency response communication equipment to reduce the cost and to increase the ability of municipalities to respond effectively.

**AMM Resolution #19-2014**

**Topic: Provincial Waterway Bridge Maintenance**

Sponsor(s): RM of Morris (Central District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS there are numerous waterways within the Province of Manitoba that are under the jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS these waterways have various bridges in order to provide crossings at appropriate places;

AND WHEREAS some of these bridges have been 'given' over to municipalities for them to maintain, upgrade and replace from time to time;

AND WHEREAS these bridges should be a provincial responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to take responsibility for all bridges that provide crossings over provincial waterways.

**AMM Resolution #18-2013**

**Topic: Review of Disaster Financial Assistance**

Sponsor(s): City of Brandon (Western District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Public Safety Canada

WHEREAS municipalities continue to face a significant threat from massive storm damage to municipal infrastructure, and commercial and residential properties within municipal jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS already financially burdened municipalities and their citizens do not have the resources to respond quickly to the damage caused by these storms, or the funds to undertake preventative actions;

AND WHEREAS governments are unable to respond quickly enough or allow a consistent level of access to disaster financial assistance for municipalities and their citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba, the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a review of the current policies for disaster financial assistance programs and to increase funding to and the eligibility criteria for these programs, in order to allow municipalities more rapid and consistent access to funding.

**AMM Resolution #22-2013**

**Topic: Maintenance of Railway Crossings**

Sponsor(s): RM of Morris (Central District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities in Manitoba have, or have had in the past, railway companies that have established rail lines within those municipalities;

AND WHEREAS rail lines have numerous road crossings;

AND WHEREAS these road crossings need to be maintained so that they do not fall into a state of disrepair;

AND WHEREAS railway companies have neglected to maintain railway road crossings, thereby resulting in dangerous

driving conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to pass appropriate legislation to ensure railway companies maintain road crossings for safe travel.

**AMM Resolution #51-2012 \*Standing Policy**

**Topic: Maintenance of Right-of-Way on Provincial Drains**

Sponsor(s): RM of Rosser (Interlake District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS provincial drains are composed of a right-of-way, which includes a constructed drain with riparian area;

AND WHEREAS activities destructive to the right-of-way of the constructed drain, create impediments to proper drainage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to enforce the maintenance of the undeveloped right-of-way as a riparian area in conjunction with ongoing maintenance of provincial drains.

**AMM Resolution #19-2011**

**Topic: Permanent Flood Solutions**

Sponsor(s): RM of St. Andrews (Interlake District), RM of Westbourne (Midwestern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Public Safety Canada

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has suffered considerable flood damage;

AND WHEREAS several communities throughout the Province have experienced frequent high water events;

AND WHEREAS the intervals of the flooding events are accelerated and becoming the new norm;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and residents of Manitoba are experiencing large financial burdens, using large amounts of resources and putting lives at risk;

AND WHEREAS there is precedent for such a program including the Canada-Manitoba Flood Protection Agreement of 1997 which upgraded flood protection infrastructure in the Red River Valley;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to implement a flood protection program across Manitoba to minimize potential damages from future flood events and to implement permanent flood solutions which would include such measures as dyking, removal of affected homes, raising of property levels and shoreline protection.

**AMM Resolution #26-2010**

**Topic: Strategy to Address Municipal Infrastructure Deficit**

Sponsor(s): RM of Rhineland (Central District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure; Manitoba Finance; Manitoba Municipal Relations

WHEREAS the national municipal infrastructure deficit totals more than \$123 billion;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba municipal infrastructure deficit totals more than \$11 billion;



AND WHEREAS this deficit only includes the upgrades and retrofitting of existing municipal infrastructure with no new construction;

AND WHEREAS the Province has been increasing the regulatory requirements on municipal infrastructure such as water, wastewater and solid waste disposal to a point where many projects are unaffordable without provincial funding;

AND WHEREAS the Province does not have a strategy to address this growing infrastructure deficit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to work with municipalities to start developing a strategy which will address the current municipal infrastructure deficit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide stable long-term funding commitments which will allow municipalities to better plan for future infrastructure projects.

**AMM Resolution #37-2008**

**Topic: Increase Operating Grants for Small Rural Airports**

Sponsor(s): RM of Bifrost (Interlake District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba provides annual operating grants to small rural airports in the amount of \$1,200 for airports with unpaved runways and \$2,400 for airports with paved runways;

AND WHEREAS costs to operate these airports continue to rise;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial grants have not increased in many years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase operating grants for small rural airports.

**AMM Resolution #23-2007**

**Topic: Assistance for Damages Caused by Provincial Weight Restrictions**

Sponsor(s): RM of Taché (Eastern District)

Department(s): Manitoba Infrastructure

WHEREAS weight restrictions placed on Provincial roads redirect traffic onto municipal roads causing substantial damages;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for assistance with rebuilding municipal roads damaged as a result of traffic diverted from provincial roads because of Provincial weight restrictions.

**AMM Resolution #11-2002**

**Topic: Funding of Airports**

Sponsor(s): RM of St. Andrews (Interlake District)

Department: Manitoba Infrastructure; Transport Canada

WHEREAS the federal government has transferred ownership of 11 regional airports to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada has established new regulations to enhance the safety and integrity of regional airports;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada no longer provides either ongoing training for existing regional airport employees, or training for new employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Government of Canada to provide funding for airport facility equipment and maintenance, which is necessary to maintain existing and implement new federal standards and regulations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Governments of Canada and Manitoba to provide funding and training programs for airport maintenance and staff, so that airports may comply with federal standards and regulations.